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SUBJECT: GUZMAN HAS SECOND CONVERSATION WITH BALAGUER, MEETS
WITH SENIOR MILITARY

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1. PRESIDENT-ELECT ANTONIO GUZMAN MET WITH PRESIDENT
BALAGUER LAST NIGHT FOR NEARLY AN HOUR AT THE PRESIDENTIAL
PALACE. THIS WAS THE SECOND TIME SINCE THE ELECTION THAT
THEY HAVE MET (REF A).

2. GUZMAN TOLD REPORTERS AFTER THE MEETING THAT HE AND
BALAGUER HAD TALKED OF "GENERALITIES, NOT SPECIFICS."
ASKED IF THE LEGAL CHALLANGES TO THE MAY 16 ELECTIONS BY
SOME OF BALAGUER'S SUPPORTERS HAD BEEN DISCUSSED, GUZMAN
REPLIED NEGATIVELY. GUZMAN ALSO EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT
HE WOULD ASSUME POWER ON AUGUST 16, AND REVEALED THAT
PRESIDENT BALAGUER HAD TOLD HIM THAT THE DOORS OF THE
PRESIDENTIAL PALACE WOULD ALWAYS BE OPEN TO HIM. BALAGUER
ALSO AUTHORIZED HIM TO CALL ON GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS
FOR INFORMATION HE MAY REQUIRE.

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3. THIS IS SECOND SIGNIFICANT MEETING GUZMAN HAS
HAD THIS WEEK. ON WEDNESDAY, THE PRESIDENT-ELECT MET
WITH HIGH MILITARY LEADERS, INCLUDING SECRETARY OF THE
ARMED FORCES BEAUCHAMP AND CHIEFS OF STAFF OF THE ARMY
AND AIR FORCE. GUZMAN TOLD REPORTERS AT CONCLUSION OF
MEETING WITH GENERALS THAT IT HAD BEEN "CORDIAL" AND

THAT THEY HAD ASSURED HIM THEY WOULD RESPECT THE FINAL ELECTION RESULTS AS ANNOUNCED BY CENTRAL ELECTORAL BOARD. IN GUZMAN'S SUBSEQUENT MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT, HE WAS GIVEN SPECIFIC AUTHORIZATION TO MEET WITH POLICE CHIEF, GENERAL NEIT NIVAR.

4. COMMENT: REACTION TO GUZMAN'S MEETINGS WITH PRESIDENT AND WITH SENIOR MILITARY HAS BEEN POSITIVE. THESE MEETINGS ARE VIEWED AS HELPING TO ALLAY CONTINUING CONCERNS CAUSED BY REFORMISTA PARTY LEGAL MANEUVERS AGAINST ELECTION RESULTS.

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